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Army National Guard field artillery brigade headquarters alerted for possible active duty

The Wisconsin National Guard received alert notification last week for the Milwaukee-based 57th Field Artillery Brigade headquarters.

Alert notification directs the unit and its soldiers to begin preparing for a possible order to active duty. If the unit is actually mobilized, either in full or in part, affected soldiers could expect to be on active duty for about 18 months, with as much as one full year deployed overseas.

The 57th Field Artillery Brigade is headquartered in Milwaukee with a Detachment in Two Rivers. There are about 85 soldiers authorized in Milwaukee's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and another 25 soldiers in the Two Rivers detachment.

Soldiers in the artillery brigade headquarters began receiving notifications of their alert on Monday, July 18.

There are currently more than 2,100 soldiers and airmen of the Wisconsin National Guard serving on active duty, with 1,200 of them serving overseas and about 700 others bound for overseas duty when they complete their post-mobilization training within the next few weeks. Another 1,020 soldiers from two battalions will be ordered to active duty in August and are expected to be deployed overseas.

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